# FIR Toolkit for the Construction Industry

Wellbeing Toolbox Talk: Trainer Script



### **Kick-off**

The short film for this "wellbeing" Toolbox Talk can be accessed at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x6zYDCTttU0

#### **Discussion**

**Question 1 to group:** What types of behaviours and issues are illustrated in the film? The behaviours that the group might identify might include:

- Eating properly
- Eating badly
- o Dealing with mental illness
- o Dealing with depression
- Danger of not getting enough sleep

Question 2 to group: What point is the film making?

**KEY MESSAGE 1:** The film is making the point that it's better for us all if we pay attention to our own "wellbeing" and that of other people

**Question 3 to group:** What is "wellbeing" all about – what can we do about it?

### KEY MESSAGE 2: "Wellbeing" is about

- Looking after our own physical and mental health
- Looking out for the physical and mental health of the people around us

Examples of how we can promote our own wellbeing:

Actions that promote our own wellbeing	Actions that promote wellbeing of others
<ul> <li>Getting enough sleep; at least 7 hrs a night</li> <li>Making healthy eating choices; 5 portions of fruit and veg a day and managing sugar, salt and fat consumption</li> </ul>	Maintaining a tidy and pleasant workplace - including welfare facilities      Following bygiene
<ul> <li>Staying hydrated; drinking water is best</li> <li>Taking regular exercise at least 20 -30 minutes of moderate to vigorous exercise 3-5 days per week that raises your hear rate above its resting levels and utilises oxygen.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Following hygiene recommendations e.g. washing hands after using the toilet and before handing food.</li> </ul>
Quitting smoking	<ul> <li>Making reasonable demands of our teams</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Keeping alcohol consumption down to levels that don't risk ill health; 3 to 4 units a day for men and 2 to 3 units for women.</li> <li>Recognising any physical or mental health problems (including signs</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>If someone seems unhappy or out of sorts, having a chat to see if they can be helped</li> </ul>
of alcohol and substance misuse) and getting help, early	Being sure that colleagues

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- Disclosing disability or impairments to our manager or supervisor (e.g. occupational injury, dyslexia, depression & other mental illness) so that they can make reasonable adjustments for us
- Being aware of anxiety caused by work and within private life (e.g. relationship breakdown, bereavement, caring responsibilities, money worries) and seeking out ways to manage it
- Getting help to improve our reading and writing (e.g. at an adult literacy class, often run in libraries and colleges), if we find that difficult

really do understand important communications, including safety messages

## **KEY MESSAGE 3**: If you have wellbeing concerns in the workplace:

- Find support in the workplace for example, talk to your manager or supervisor
- Find support outside the workplace for example, see a doctor at your own GP clinic or at an NHS Drop-in Centre
- [Any sources of support e.g. corporate employee programmes that you identified before delivering this Toolbox Talk]

Question 4 to group: Why is wellbeing important on site?

**KEY MESSAGE 4**: Wellbeing is important on site to work better and safer

#### Wrap- Up

**Question 5 to group:** What's one thing are we each going to do differently, as a result of thinking about this film?

Examples of commitments include:

- I'll be more careful about how much alcohol I drink at the weekend
- I've been peeing a lot in the night and my missus is worried about my prostate. I'll see a doctor
- I'll have a chat with John. He seems really stressed about everything at the moment
- I'll try to get to bed earlier
- I'm going to find a local adult literacy class



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